- 100% Central Assistance is being provided to the seven North Eastern States including Meghalaya since December, 1994, under the National Malaria Eradication Programme (NMEP), a centrally sponsored Scheme;

- Early diagnosis promot treatment of Maleria cases through Primary Health Care System, Hospitals/Dispensaries, Malaria Clinics etc. and Drugs Distribution Centres, Fever Depots at the village level;

- Vector Control through insecticidal spray in rural areas and anti-larval operations in urban areas as per schedule on the basis of technical assessment.

- Intensification of information, education and communication activities and reliance on community participation;

- Supply of adequate quantities of insecticides and anti-malaria drugs to the States;

- As technical support, expert teams from the Centre are deputed from time to time to the affected areas to suggest remedial action to combat the situation;

- Action Plan (Broad Guidelines) for observance of anti-malaria month in June every year beginning from June 1997 has been provided to the States for implementation.

Essentials List

5584. SHRI JAI PRAKASH (HARDOI) : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government Hospitals in Delhi have drawn up 'Essentials' list, hospital-wise;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether almost half of the drugs mentioned in the 'essentials' list are not available whereas as per rule all those medicines should always be available in the hospital; and

(d) if so, the reasons for the medicines included in 'essentials' list not being available in the hospitals and the action Government propose to take in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF TAXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

Introduction of Career Oriented Programmes in Universities

5585. SHRI B.L. SHANKAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government propose to introduce career oriented bachelors degree programmes in all the universities of the country as being done by the Delhi University from 1997-98;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the amount to be spent thereon during 1997-98; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) and (b) University Grants Commission (UGC) has initiated a Scheme for Vocationalisation of Education at the first degree level. 31 Universities and 692 colleges have already introduced Vocational courses in Sciences, Engineering & Technology, Commerce & Economics, Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences under the above Scheme. An outlay of Rs. 26.00 crores has been earmarked for implementation of the Scheme during 1997-98.

(c) Does not arise.

Awarding of Projects of Civil Engineering Deptt. of IIT

5586. SHRI SHANTILAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that some consultancy projects of the Civil Engineering Department of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi continued to be handled by one of the Senior Professors of the Institute who has retired from service few years back and shifted out of Delhil;

(b) whether the Government are also aware that lakhs of rupees are spent on travelling, boarding, lodging etc. by this professor which are borne from the project fund;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to award these proejcts to some serving professors of IIT, Delhi; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE